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FOR MATTHEW NIMETZ, COUNSELOR OF DEPT

FOLLOWING REPEAT ANKARA 6015 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO NICOSIA,
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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L ANKARA 6015

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SUBJECT: GOT POSITION ON MAKARIOS' SUCCESSOR

REFS: A) ANKARA 5997 (DTG 110825Z AUG 77), B) ANKARA 6014
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1. AS SEPARATE EMBASSY REPORTING INDICATES, TURKS ARE
GETTING MORE AND MORE DEEPLY DUG IN ON QUESTION OF STATUS OF
MAKARIOS' SUCCESSOR AS LEADER OF GREEK COMMUNITY AND NOT AS
CYPRIOT HEAD OF STATE. THIS COULD QUICKLY BECOME A MAJOR
ISSUE OF PRINCIPLE WHICH WILL PUT A FURTHER CHILL ON OUR
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RLATIONSHIPS AND A FURTHER IMPEDIMENT TO PROGRESS ON
THE SUBSTANCE OF THE CYPRUS MATTER.

2. WE DO NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF WORKING OUT
MINOR WAYS OF ACCORDING TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY AND THEIR
REPRESENTATIVES SOME ENHANCED STATUS BUT, IF, AS WE
ASSUME LIKELY, RESULT OF WASHINGTON POLICY REVIEW WILL BE

THAT WE MUST REGARD WHOEVER IS ELECTED AS MAKARIOS' SUCCESSOR
AS A CONSEQUENCE OF OPERATION OF GOC CONSTITUTIONAL
PROCEDURES AS LEGITIMATE HEAD OF CYPRIOT STATE, WE BELIEVE IT
WOULD BE TACTICALLY USEFUL TO ASSUME THIS POSITON IN CONCERT
WITH AS MANY OTHER GOVERNMENTS AS FEASIBLE AND IN AS LOW KEY A
MANNER AS POSSIBLE. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE KNOW TURKS HAVE
MADE FORMAL DEMARCHE TO GERMANS AND IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE
FOR WASHINGTON TO CONSULT WITH BONN URGENTLY ON NATURE OF
THEIR REPLY AS WELL AS, POSSIBLY, WITH OTHER EC MEMBERS
THROUGH BRUSSELS' PRESIDENCY. THE IDEAL SITUATION WOULD
BE TO INFORM TURKS QUIETLY AND WITHOUT ANY PUBLIC
FANFARE OF OUR POSITION . WHILE WE CANNOT LOSE OURSELVES
IN THE CROWD, WE CAN TRY TO INSURE THAT WE ARE MOVING WITH
THE CROWD IN THE SAME DIRECTION AT ESSENTIALLY THE SAME TIME.
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